

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 795

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Willie C. Hall for meritorious service to his country.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, the last of seven brothers who, through their service in the armed forces, were willing to risk even their lives for our great nation, Willie C. Hall has served with courage and gallantry and deserves proper recognition for heroism both in the United States Army and in society today; and

WHEREAS, he served with great bravery and ability from his induction in 1943 during World War II until the Allied victory, which never would have been possible without the heroic efforts of honorable men like Mr. Hall; and

WHEREAS, injured and with a cast on his right arm, Willie Hall valiantly withstood the travails at Normandy and assisted the Allies in winning the battle, giving them the strategic foothold in Europe necessary to their later victory over the Axis forces; and

WHEREAS, he subsequently fought in the infamous Battle of the Bulge in Belgium and across Europe in Germany and Czechoslovakia, admirably helping to liberate multiple concentration camps; and

WHEREAS, his considerable strength of character is demonstrated by his self-extrication of shrapnel in his left wrist, the result of an injury that he sustained in a battle but never reported, preferring instead to carry on fighting; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hall completed his tour of duty with the United States Army and returned home to labor with purpose and commitment for more than thirty years as an aircraft worker at Vought Aircraft Industries, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, he is most grateful for the fifty-six years of love and companionship he has shared with his wife, Melverene Hall; and

WHEREAS, Willie Hall performed his duties with the utmost skill, dedication, and professionalism; his service in the military and beyond can only be categorized as outstanding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Willie C. Hall for meritorious service in the United States Army during World War II and offer our thanks to this outstanding soldier, patriot, and citizen for a difficult job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.